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Wilkins: Words In FBI Memo Are 'Pure Fantasy'

Roy Wilkins, retired head of the NAACP, has denounced as "a damn lie" statements attributed to him in a FBI memo indicating he was cooperating with the bureau's efforts to discredit Martin Luther King Jr.

The Washington Post reported earlier that a newly declassified Dec. 1, 1964 memo reporting on meetings with an unnamed black leader was referring to Wilkins.

The Post further reported that Wilkins had denied the allegations contained in the memo during congressional testimony in 1975.

In a statement released through his wife, Wilkins again denied the FBI's allegations. "The statement attributed to me in an FBI memo is pure fantasy," he said.